

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

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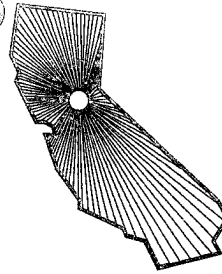
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**Voting Systems Review, 6th Floor
Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Re- Comments on Top-To-Bottom Review**

Dear Secretary Bowen and review committee,

The California Council of the Blind (CCB) has long advocated for voting systems that are accessible, useable and private for all persons and especially, those who are blind and visually impaired.

The right for a private, independent and verifiable method of voting must not be sacrificed in the attempt to resolve outstanding issues with respect to Direct Recording Equipment (DRE) machines.

The criteria listed for certification, although sweeping in scope, fails to consider the existing rights of current voters with disabilities.

Since much expense to the tax payer and time and effort by counties has been expended, we recommend certification status and a period of time for Hart, Diebold, Sequoia and other systems to meet the accessibility criteria you so accurately list in the top down report.

By setting a timeline for meeting bench marks, you allow the industry to solve technical issues such as direct paper audit trail

verification by the blind or visually impaired voter, to allow disabled citizens to vote and counties to meet their obligations.

Sincerely,

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Dan Kysor